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These comments pertain to the proposed change marked 3.203(C). For domestic relations cases where the prosecutor is representing a party and seeking to establish support, paternity, or both, the rule still requires the defendant to file a pleading to change his/her address. In many of these cases, the case may be waiting for a pretrial conference or genetic testing, and there would be no reason for the defendant to file a motion, yet the proposed rule does not appear to allow him/her to make a change of address in a different fashion. In most of these cases, the defendant is not represented and does not file any pleadings.

Perhaps the rule could be modified to allow the defendant to provide written notice of a change of address to the prosecutor, and the prosecutor could forward the notice to the court. This would allow an administrative change of address by a party. It would serve the interests of justice because the prosecutor is the one who needs to know of the address change.

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